

September 22, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Re: Kearsarge Telephone Company - Certification for Notice of Network Change

WC Docket No. 17-178

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 22, 2017, Kearsarge Telephone Company ("Kearsarge Telephone") submitted a Notice of Network Change pursuant to Section 51.332 of the Commission's rules. Specifically, the notice provided notification to the Commission of the replacement of copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities at certain digital service areas (DSAs) located in Andover, New Hampshire.

On July 6, 2017, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued the public notice concerning this copper retirement. Attached please find Kearsarge Telephone's certification of the additional information required under section 51.332(d).

Please contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Amber Gaudreau

Sr. Administrator- Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

## Certification of Kearsarge Telephone Company Pursuant to Rule 51.332

- Kearsarge Telephone is replacing copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-thehome facilities at certain digital service areas (DSAs) located in Andover, New Hampshire.
- Kearsarge Telephone provided the FCC Notice in compliance with the FCC's rules.
- Kearsarge Telephone does not have any carrier customers. This project only impacts local exchange customer lines.
- Kearsarge Telephone timely notified all applicable Other Governmental Entities and served all applicable Other Governmental Notices.
- Kearsarge Telephone timely served a customer notice to all retail customers.
- Copies of the retail residential customer notice and business customer notice mailed to customers are attached.
- Kearsarge Telephone has complied with the notification requirements applicable to changes in the facilities, equipment, operations or procedures of a wireline telecommunications provider.
- The FCC assigned WC Docket No. 17-178 and Report No. NCD-2737 to Kearsarge Telephone's FCC Notice.

I, Joel P. Dohmeier, am a duly appointed representative of Kearsarge Telephone Company and hold the position of Vice President.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September

Joel P. Dohmeier

Vice President

Kearsarge Telephone Company

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Andover, NH 03216

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June 23, 2017



Hello!

TDS®, your local telecommunications provider, is upgrading the copper network at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to fiber on or after January 4, 2018. This means faster Internet speeds and clearer phone connections should soon be available to you.

To accommodate the switch to fiber and ensure these improved services can be made available to you, TDS needs to replace outdated network equipment in your business. If you agree to this FREE equipment upgrade, TDS will install an Optical Network Terminal.

Customers with landline phone service who upgrade to fiber should be aware that some features and functionalities of a copper network differ from fiber. Fiber phone service requires power to run versus copper-based service which does not. We know your phone is critical to running a successful business, therefore we will include a free battery backup unit ensure your service remains active during a power loss.

The best part of this conversion is that there is no impact to your monthly bill. The price that you pay for your current services will remain the same.

Please call 1-888-837-3050 today, to schedule your FREE equipment upgrade. You must have the new equipment installed before January 4, 2018, as your service will be disconnected after this date.

We hope this solution will work for you as it allows your business faster Internet speeds and clearer phone connections. If you discontinue service with TDS, you will need to contact another provider to establish new service. You are a valued TDS customer and we forward to serving you now and in the future.

Sincerely,

## The TDS Team

**PS:** To learn more about this network upgrade, please visit <a href="https://tdstelecom.com/copper">https://tdstelecom.com/copper</a>, call the FCC at 1-888-CALL-FCC, visit consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us, or contact your local Public Service Commission at 1-800-852-3793.



Greetings,

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to fiber on or after 1/4/2018. That means faster Internet speeds and clearer phone connections should soon be available to you.

To accommodate the switch to fiber, and ensure these improved services can be made available to you, TDS will need to replace outdated network equipment in your home. If you agree to this FREE equipment upgrade, TDS will install an Optical Network Terminal.

Customers receiving landline phone service, and who upgrade to fiber, should be aware that some features and functionalities of a copper network differ from fiber. Because fiber phone service requires power to run and copper-based service does not, a battery backup unit or alternative source of backup power is needed to ensure your service remains active during a power loss.

If you choose to migrate your current landline phone service to the fiber network, all your current services will still be available with no change to the applicable rates, terms or conditions.

Call **1-855-821-9019** toll-free today to schedule your FREE equipment upgrade. You must have this new equipment installed before 1/4/2018 or YOUR EXISTING SERVICE WILL BE DISCONNECTED. If you discontinue service with TDS, you will need to contact another provider to establish new service. Please let your new service provider know if you wish to keep your current telephone number.

Thank you for being a TDS customer. We look forward to serving you now and in the future.

Sincerely.

Phillip Berry, Manager—TDS Product Management

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